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SUBJECT: SIGNING OF FISHERIES AGREEMENT

PLEASE PASS WHITE HOUSE FOR THE PRESIDENT FROM AMBASSADOR

ON CHRISTMAS EVE JAPAN'S NEW FOREIGN MINISTER AND I SIGNED AN AGREEMENT THAT CONSTITUTES SOMETHING OF A PERSONAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT TO YOU - A FISHERIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR NATIONS. I CALL IT A "PERSONAL" GIFT BECAUSE THE NEED TO REACH A NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT ON FISHING RIGHTS WAS THE ONLY SPECIFIC REQUEST YOU URGED OF THE JAPANESE GOVT DURING YOUR NOVEMBER VISIT HERE. IN SUBSEQUENT WEEKS OF NEGOTIATIONS THE JAPANESE TRULY EXTENDED THEMSELVES AND WERE EXCEPTIONALLY FORTHCOMING. CLEARLY THEIR OBJECTIVE WAS TO SHOW THE IMPORTANCE THEY ATTACH TO A PERSONAL REQUEST BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. AS A RESULT WE HAVE A FAVORABLE WIDE-RANGING AGREEMENT COVERING FISHING RIGHTS FOR SALMON, HALIBUT, CRABS, ETC. THAT SHOULD MAKE LEGISLATION ON THE SUBJECT UNNECESSARY.

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR PERSUASIVENESS. I HOPE THE SLOPES AT VAIL PROVED CONGENIAL.
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